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DATE: December 14, 2006
TO: Regional Council
FROM: Jeffrey S. Dunn, Government Affairs Analyst
SUBJECT: November 2007 Election Results: Regional Impacts

State Election

On November 6, 2007, voters went to the polls to determine numerous local and statewide races, as well as a large number of ballot propositions affecting transportation, housing, schools, water, energy, education, public campaign finance, and eminent domain.

A number of local elected officials won election to the State Legislature, including:

Michael Feuer – 42nd Assembly District
Laura Richardson – 55th Assembly District
Robert Huff – 60th Assembly District
Jim Silva – 67th Assembly District
Van Tran – 68th Assembly District
Alex Padilla – 20th Senate District
Lou Correa – 34th Senate District

The Assembly Speaker's Office reports that Fabian Nunez has been re-elected by the Assembly Democratic Caucus for another two-year term. Speaker Nunez has named Sally Lieber of Mountain View as Speaker pro tem and Assembly member Karen Bass of Los Angeles as Assembly Majority Floor Leader. The Assembly Republican Caucus reports that it has elected Assembly member Mike Villines of Clovis as the next Assembly Republican Leader. Villines succeeds Assembly member George Plescia of San Diego. At the time of this report the Senate leadership has not yet been announced.

Federal Election

At the federal level, of California's 53 member congressional delegation, only two incumbents were replaced: Rep. Richard Pombo (R-11) was defeated by Jerry McNerney (D-11), and in the SCAG region, Rep. Bill Thomas (R-22), outgoing Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, retired and was replaced by his former district director, Kevin McCarthy (R-22). Representative-elect McCarthy comes to Congress as a former party leader in the state assembly, and has identified local issues important to his district such as agriculture, oil, transportation, aerospace and the military as foremost on his agenda. The other 28 incumbent congressional members of the SCAG region were re-elected and are included in the footnote of this report.¹

Nancy Pelosi of San Francisco will be the Speaker of the House of the 110th Congress. Additionally, the Congressional Democratic Caucus elected Steny H. Hoyer of Maryland as Majority Leader. The caucus also

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unanimously elected James E. Clyburn of South Carolina as majority whip and Rahm Emanuel of Illinois as chairman of the Democratic Caucus. The House GOP leadership had not been selected as of the writing of this report.

On the Senate side, Senator Harry Reid of Nevada will be the Senate Majority Leader for the 110th Congress. Other Senate majority leaders include Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia as the Senate President Pro Tempore, Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois as Assistant Majority Leader, and Senator Barbara Boxer of California as Chief Deputy Whip. New Republican Senatorial leadership will be Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky as Minority Leader, and Senator Trent Lott of Mississippi replacing Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania as the new Minority Whip. Arizona Senator Jon Kyl was made Senate Republican Conference chairman.

California Senator Diane Feinstein easily won re-election. Senate Majority Leader-Elect Harry Reid has announced Committee chairs for the 110th Congress and Senator Feinstein is Chair of the Senate Rules Committee, Senator Boxer is Chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. Additionally, Senator Boxer was the Chair of the Senate Goods Movement Caucus. Because TEA legislation goes through the Environment and Public Works Committee, the California senatorial delegation is well positioned to assist our efforts to provide federal help on the many transportation and goods movement challenges facing the region.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact upon SCAG.

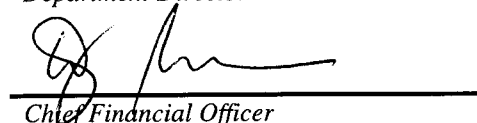
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ⁱ Joe Baca (D-43)
Xavier Becerra (D-31)
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Darrell Issa (R-49)
Mary Bono (R-45)
Ken Calvert (R-44)
Lois Capps (D-23)
John Campbell (R-48)
David Dreier (R-26)
Bob Filner (D-51)

Elton Gallegly (R-24)
Jane Harmon (D-36)
Duncan Hunter (R-52)
Adam Schiff (D-29)
Jerry Lewis (R-41)
Howard P. McKeon (R-25)
Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-37)
Gary Miller (R-42)
Grace Napolitano (D-38)
Dana Rohrabacher (R-46)

Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-34)
Linda Sanchez (D-39)
Loretta Sanchez (D-47)
Brad Sherman (D-27)
Hilda Solis (D-32)
Maxine Waters (D-35)
Diane Watson (D-33)
Henry Waxman (D-30)